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## A FATAL PANIC.

Particulars of the Sad Affair at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York City.

NEW YORK, March 9.—At the time of the alarm last evening in St. Francis Xavier's Church, which resulted so disastrously, Father Langiache was preaching on "Hell, and the Horrors of the Damned," and perfect stillness prevailed. Suddenly, as the preacher was picturing the torments of purgatory, a young woman in the northern corner of the west gallery, overcome by her feelings, fainted, and gave utterance to an hysterical scream, startling the worshippers and causing them to spring to their feet. The next moment some reckless person cried "fire," and this gave rise to the panic. Father Langiache, who was nearing the end of his sermon, stopped and implored the people to keep their seats, as there was absolutely no cause for alarm. Father Merrick, the pastor, heard the screams, and rushed into the sanctuary. He called upon the congregation to

KEEP THEIR SEATS, as there was no fire and no cause for alarm. The sexton also endeavored to stop the panic. These efforts were partially successful. Father Langiache retired to the vestry-room, and in a few moments returned, attired in his cope, and uttered the benediction, dismissing the congregation, and the organ began to play. The women in the main body of the church and the west gallery passed out in an orderly manner, and not a single person in the portions of the church last named was injured. The people occupying that portion of the gallery where the commotion had begun, and centered listened to neither priest, pastor, sexton, benediction nor organ. They rushed toward the exits from the gallery, and, almost crazed with fear, pushed and fought their way into the narrow stairway leading to Sixteenth Street. The stairway is but four feet wide, and within three or four steps of the bottom makes a sharp turn before it reaches the vestibule.

THE CROWD OF MADDENED WOMEN rushed down stairs, and would probably have all reached the street in safety, but at the bend in the stairway an aged and very stout woman, in her eagerness to reach a place of safety, fell headlong down stairs. Before she could regain her feet the frantic crowd, pressing on toward the vestibule, came upon the prostrate form, and those in the foremost ranks fell upon her. In a moment the passage-way was choked, and a scene of the wildest confusion and most intense excitement ensued. The crowd, in fear, passed on with almost irresistible force, and nothing could be done to stop their advance. The crazed women fought their way toward the choked-up stairway, trampling upon those who had fallen in front and crushing the life out of them. They screamed and

FOUGHT LIKE MANIACS, and every effort to hold them back so that the stairway could be cleared was of no avail. Father Whyte and several other priests who were in the church parlor at the time the panic occurred rushed round to the front of the church, and, assisted by patrolmen, by main force dragged out some women who were lying on the stairs. A number of women were then got out, and only slightly injured. In the struggle for life they were almost denuded of their clothing. As the priests and police, aided by a number of citizens, made their way up the staircase, they found lying on the steps four other women and a small boy. They were taken out to the open air, but life was extinct. One woman, Anna Forbes, was brought out alive, and apparently not much injured. She walked, with the assistance of a policeman, to a drug store on Sixth Avenue, near Sixteenth Street, where she expired in a few moments. The assistant sexton says he distinctly

HEARD A CRY OF FIRE, but did not see who gave utterance to it. A gentleman standing outside of the church informed Sergeant Douglas he saw a man in the vestibule of the church put his head inside the door,

and heard him cry "Fire!" Father Whyte and other priests connected with the church are of the opinion that the cry of fire was given by one of a gang of pickpockets with the intention of creating a panic, during which they could ply their nefarious vocation. Father Whyte says he was in the confessional at the time, and when he reached the front of the church he was almost crushed to death while endeavoring to extricate some of the women who were in imminent danger of losing their lives.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.

This morning, at St. Xavier Church, where the calamity of last night happened, solemn mass of requiem was offered for the dead, and prayers said for the speedy recovery of the wounded.

### Plants Do Not Poison the Air.

Mr. Long, the well known florist of Buffalo, in his *Home Florist* says: There is a notion prevalent that the presence of growing plants in the sleeping or living room is detrimental to a healthy atmosphere by their giving out poisonous carbonic acid gas in the night time. The investigations of chemists demonstrate that growing plants do exhale an almost imperceptible quantity of carbonic acid gas, which, in very small proportions, is necessary in the air we breathe. They also show that the quantity exhaled at night is but the one-sixteenth part of what the same plants absorb from the atmosphere during the day and convert into nearly its own weight of oxygen, thus changing a poisonous gas that derives its origin from various sources into one of the principal elements of pure air. If carbonic acid gas is emitted from plants in dangerous quantities, it certainly would exist largely in the night atmosphere of a close green-house heated to a tropical temperature and crowded from floor to rafters with rank vegetation. Yet, in my experience, I have never known the slightest ill effects to be realized from night work in green-houses, neither in cases that have frequently occurred of workmen making the warm green-houses their sleeping quarters for a night and even for an entire winter, which, to my satisfaction, affords practical proof that the notion is a fallacy; and the fact that perhaps no healthier class of men can be found than green-house operators, who work constantly in an atmosphere where plants are growing, would prove, instead, that living plants exert a beneficial influence upon the air we breathe. Those who have heretofore dreaded to keep plants in their houses on account of their supposed ill effects may rest at ease, and even furnish their sleeping-rooms with flowers.

### Transporting Petroleum by Pipes.

Several gentlemen from Pennsylvania, including a civil engineer, have lately had consultation with Mr. Ross Winans, of this city, with a view of securing his aid in fixing an outlet of a petroleum pipe line near the Spring Gardens. The line in question is surveyed nearly all the distance from the oil regions, and the gentlemen interested represent that Baltimore is more eligible than Philadelphia, and consequently they have determined to make this city the terminus of the line. They give as a part of their plan the establishment of large oil tanks, with force power at certain distances along the line, so as not to depend entirely on the natural force that will result from the declivity of the route. A pipe four feet in diameter is to be used, and the plan of operation devised is very similar to that of bringing water into cities where of its own force it reaches the upper floors of high buildings. The oil regions are higher in altitude than any locality where the pipe line passes, and as all liquids find their level, it is expected that a continuous flow of oil in pipes can be secured between the mountains of Pennsylvania and the wharfs in Baltimore. By this arrangement oil could be put on shipboard at less than one-half the present cost, and, as might be expected, the plan is meeting with much opposition from the railroad companies.—*Baltimore American.*

—AT FORT WAGNER, IND., T. D. Wilson, aged 20, was examining a revolver, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the ball entering his head between the eyes, ranging upward, and inflicting a fatal wound.

THE story of Ellen Beiben, acquitted by the Fairfield (Ct.) County Court of the charge of attempting to poison her father, is a sad one. She is 16 years old, yet can not read or write, as her parents would not permit her to go to school, refusing her entreaties to be allowed to do so or go to Sunday School, on the ground that her time was needed on the farm. She has been compelled to do man's work in the field, planting, hoeing, digging, etc., besides being a household drudge. Beiben frequently beat her with a heavy whip so that she bore the marks for weeks. It was after one of these beatings that she put Paris green in her father's coffee, as she said, to make him sick so that she could run away, as she was unaware of the poisonous nature of the drug. The jury believed her story and returned a verdict of not guilty. The inhuman father was sent for by the Court, but he had disappeared.

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The physicians all gave me up to die, and said they could do no more for me. Both of my legs were drawn up to my seat, and it was thought if I did get up again I would be a cripple for life.  
When in this condition I saw VEGETINE advertised, and commenced taking it in March, and followed on with it until I had used sixteen bottles, and this morning I am going to plough corn, a well man. All my townsmen say it is a miracle to see me round walking and working.  
In conclusion I will add when I was enduring such great suffering from that dreadful disease, Scrofula, I prayed to the Lord above to take me out of this world, but as VEGETINE has restored me to the blessings of health, I desire more than ever to live; that I may be of some service to my fellow men, and I know of no better way to aid suffering humanity, than to include you this statement of my case, with an earnest hope that you will publish it, and it will afford me pleasure to reply to any communication which I may receive therefrom.  
I am, sir, very respectfully,  
WILLIAM FAYN.

Avery, Berrien Co., Mich., July 10, 1872.

## Reliable Evidence.

MR. H. R. STEVENS:  
Dear Sir—I will most cheerfully add my testimony to the great number you have already received in favor of your great and good medicine, VEGETINE, for I do not think enough can be said in its praise. For I was troubled over 10 years with that dreadful disease, Catarrh, and had such bad coughing spells that it would seem as though I could never breathe any more, and VEGETINE has cured me; and I do feel to thank God all the time that there is so good a medicine as VEGETINE, and I also think it one of the best medicines for coughs and weak, sinking feelings at the stomach, and advise everybody to take the VEGETINE, for I can assure them it is one of the best medicines that ever was.  
MRS. L. GORE,  
Corner Magazine and Walnut streets, Cambridge, Mass.

Prepared by H. R. Stevens, Boston, Mass.

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## Hugged by a grizzly—Narrow Escape from Death.

Last week, says the Downerville (Cal.) *Messenger*, a man named Walpole, who resides in Lassen County, had a fearful combat with a grizzly. It appears that Mr. Walpole started out early in the morning of the day on which the adventure occurred, for the purpose of visiting a deer lick. He had his rifle, bowie-knife and a large deer-hound with him, and was crossing a deep canyon, when he espied a huge grizzly about fifty or seventy-five yards off. The opportunity was too good a one to let pass, so he pulled up and blazed away; but his aim was not very accurate, and he only succeeded in wounding the animal, and before he had time to reload his rifle the bear was close upon him, and there was no alternative but to stand his ground and trust in Providence and in his weapons. The bear came right after him, and Walpole, who was on the alert, succeeded in hitting him one on the head with the butt of his rifle, but ere he could repeat the blow his bearship returned the compliment and dealt him one on the shoulder that paralyzed him for a second. Being now fully alive to his situation, he drew his bowie-knife and made a lunge at Bruin and succeeded in planting his knife deep in the bear's breast. This only enraged the animal still more, and seizing his destroyer in his powerful arms gave him an embrace that he will not be apt to forget for some time, and which rendered him totally unconscious. He lay where the bear had dropped him until late in the afternoon, when a neighbor who was passing was attracted to the spot, and his astonishment may be imagined when, upon going a short distance from the wounded man, he found the bear dead as a door-nail. The animal measured 11 feet in length and weighed in the neighborhood of 1,400 pounds. Mr. Walpole, although badly bruised, is not seriously injured, and he says he is "a wiser if not a better man."

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